



# Coordinate Changes for Integrals

Remark: In Calc I, solved integrals like  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx$  via  $u = x^2$  parameter change (reparametrization of  $\mathbb{R}$ ) differential changes too

Q In double integrals we made the polar coordinate change...

$$dA_{\text{cart}} = r dA_{\text{polar}}$$

Q how to do this more generally?

A. We'll use a Jacobian

Defn: Suppose  $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ x_2 = x_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ x_3 = x_3(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \end{cases}$  a coordinate change by diff functions, The signed Jacobian change of the coordinate is

$$J(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_n} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex. Comp the signed Jacobian of polar transform.  $(x, y) \mapsto (r, \theta)$

Sol.  $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \cos \theta r \cos \theta - \sin \theta (-r \sin \theta) = r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta = r$

NB: Swapping order of  $(r, \theta)$  to  $(\theta, r)$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(\theta, r)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ r \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = -r \sin \theta \sin \theta - r \cos \theta \cos \theta = -r$$

The unsigned Jacobian is  $|\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)}|$

Prop: If  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a conts function &  $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ x_2 = x_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ \vdots \\ x_n = x_n(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \end{cases}$  is a diff. coordinate transform

$$\int_{R_{\text{old}}} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dV_{\text{old}} = \int_{R_{\text{new}}} f(x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \dots, x_n(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)) |J| dA_{\text{new}}$$

Ex. Comp  $\iint_R (x-3y) dA$  for  $R$ , the triangle, w/ vertices  $(0,0)$   $(1,2)$   $(2,1)$



Sol 1. (Comp. by hand)

Sol 2. (Using transformation)



By Hs geometry, this linear change takes  $R_{\text{new}}$  to  $R_{\text{old}}$

$$R_{\text{new}} = \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, 0 \leq \beta \leq 1-\alpha\}$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(\alpha, \beta)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \beta} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iint_R (x-3y) dA &= \iint_{R_{\text{new}}} (2\alpha + \beta - 3(\alpha + 2\beta)) |J| dA_{\text{new}} \\ &= \int_{\alpha=0}^1 \int_{\beta=0}^{1-\alpha} (-\alpha - 5\beta) 3 d\beta d\alpha \\ &= \int_{\alpha=0}^1 -3(1-\alpha)(\alpha + \frac{5}{2}(1-\alpha)) d\alpha \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} \int_{\alpha=0}^1 (5 - 8\alpha + 3\alpha^2) d\alpha \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} [5\alpha - 4\alpha^2 + \alpha^3]_{\alpha=0}^1 = -\frac{3}{2} [5 - 4 + 1] = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J(x, y, z) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \\ \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(r, \theta, z)} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \cos \theta (r \cos \theta) - \sin \theta (-r \sin \theta) = r(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = r \end{aligned}$$

Generalizing polar coordinates in 3-Space

I. Naive way: Cylindrical coords: Just parametrize  $\mathbb{R}^3$  plane by polar coords, leave vertical coordinate as is. When we comp integrals in general coords, we need to multiply the diff by  $r$

L) True of all cylindrical changes

Ex. Comp  $\iiint_{R_{\text{out}}} (x+y+z) dV$  for  $R$  the solid in first octant & below  $4-x^2-y^2=z$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_{R_{\text{out}}} (x+y+z) dV &= \iiint_{R_{\text{new}}} (r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta + z) r dr d\theta dz \\ &= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^{4-r^2} (2r^2 + 2\frac{r^3}{3}) dz dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 (8r^2 - 2r^4 + \frac{r^4}{3}) dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} [\frac{8}{3}r^3 - \frac{2}{5}r^5 + \frac{r^5}{15}]_{r=0}^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{64}{3} - \frac{64}{5} + \frac{32}{15} = \frac{64}{3} - \frac{64}{5} + \frac{32}{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} (r^2 \cos \theta + r^2 \sin \theta + 2r) r d\theta \\ = r [r^2 \sin \theta - r^2 \cos \theta + 2\theta]_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \\ = r [r^2 \sin 2\pi - r^2 \cos 2\pi + 4\pi] \\ = r [0 - r^2 + 4\pi] \\ = -r^3 + 4\pi r \\ = [-\frac{r^4}{4} + 4\pi r^2]_{r=0}^2 \\ = (-8 + 32\pi) - 0 = 32\pi - 8 \end{aligned}$$

## II Less Naive way! Spherical Coords

In spherical coords, we parametrize points  $(x, y, z)$  using 3 pieces of data:

$\rho$  = distance from origin

$\theta$  = angle made w/ pos. x-axis w/ point  $(x, y, z)$

$\phi$  = angle made w/ pos. z-axis & pt.  $(x, y, z)$

Note  $\sin(\phi) = \frac{r}{\rho}$ , so  $r = \rho \sin(\phi)$

in our parametrization

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta = \rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ y = r \sin \theta = \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ z = \rho \cos(\phi) \end{cases}$$

$$dA_{\text{cut}} = \rho^2 \sin(\phi) dA_{\text{sph.}}$$